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PUBLIC SALES.

AT the Vendue Store, on Tuesday next,

BRANDY in pipes,
Sugar in hogsheads and barrels,
Coffee in Tierces,
Mould and dip'd Candles,
Madeira Wine,
Cyder,
Nails,
Feather Beds, with a large assortment of

DRY GOODS

without reserve.

ROGERSON & BENT, V. M.

Jan. 16.

City of Washington, January 11, '96.

Wanted

AT the Capitol and President's house 120 Good Labourers to be hired by the year. Sixty Dollars per annum and accommodations will be given—the masters finding them cloaths; if sick they will be attended by a physician at the public expence—no deduction for time on account of sickness; but the labourers must not be withdrawn from public employment earlier than the 20th December next.—Wages to be paid quarterly.

For the commr's of the City of Washington,
ELISHA O. WILLIAMS.

Notice.

ALL millers sending Flour to this market, are requested to be more particular in the size and quality of their barrels than heretofore.—As some are yet at a loss to know the size required, I here set it down, to wit: 27 inches in length, and 17 inches diamiter in the head; they are likewise requested to be uniform in their brands; in addition to the distinguishable brand of their Mill, No. 2, 196 with Superfine in full on all they judge of that quality. Those who do not comply with the above directions must expect to pay the penalties prescribed by law.

D. DOUGLASS. Flour Inspector.

☞ The Printers of the Winchester and Martinsburg papers will confer a favour on some of their subscribers by a republication of the above.

Alexandria, Jan. 13. 1795.

A YOUNG GENTLEMAN who has lived for several years in a very respectable mercantile house, who is well acquainted with business and book-keeping, and can come well recommended, would wish to find employment either in a counting-house or in a wholesale store, or to be sent as a Supercargo to any of the West-India Islands.—He understands both French and English well.—Enquire of the Printer.

Thirty Dollars Reward.

STOLEN from the commons of this town, on Sunday the 27th December last, two HORSES, a sorrel and a bay roan, the former is about 15 hands high, in low condition, trots naturally.—The latter is about fourteen hand high, paces trots and canters, but is most inclined to pace, except when much fatigued, has a large burn on his withers occasioned by Acquefortis—neither of their brands are remembered. The above reward will be given for apprehending the thief, and securing the horses, so that I get them again, eight dollars each for the horses only, if out of this county, or three dollars for each, if taken within the same, and delivered to the subscriber in Alexandria. Any extraordinary expences will be paid exclusively.

W'm HICKMAN.

January 7. 1796.

W. Tonkin,

JOINER, CABINET MAKER and GLOZIER,

BEGS leave to inform the public of his having commenced business in the back part of the house lately occupied by Mr. Sweeney, in King street, and flatters himself that by an indefatigable attention he will merit the favors of those who may be pleased to honor him with their commands.

Alexandria, Jan. 11, 1794.

N. B. To be rented and immediate possession given, that well known store, compting-house, lodging room and warehouse lately occupied by Mr. Sweeny—also a commodious stable belonging to said premises.—For terms apply to Wm. TONKIN.

STRAYED

OUT of the yard of Mr. William Hoy, in Prince street, a DARK BAY HORSE about 15 hands high, the lower part of his head and one of his hind feet white—he was galded between the shoulders, by the saddle. Whosoever takes up said stray and brings him to Messrs. Vowells' warehouse shall have a generous reward. January 11.

A Cook wanted for a Tavern.

LIBERAL wages will be given to one who can come well recommended—a single man would be referred.—Enquire of the Printer.

For Freight

THE SCHOONER

FELICITY

OF ALEXANDRIA.

SHE is a remarkable fine sailer, and those who please to employ her, may depend upon having their business done with punctuality and dispatch—For terms, apply to EPHRAIM WEYLIE.

Alexandria, January 6 '96

For Sale,

The Sloop POLLY,

Burthen 31 Tons,

lying at Hamilton's wharf—she is well found and sails fast

ALSO,

One thousand bushels of Coal.

Any person wishing to purchase said vessel or cargo, may know the terms by applying to the master on board.

Jan. 13.

A Valuable Mill-Seat.

TO be let for a term of years, a valuable and eligible MILL SEAT, on the river Potomak, in the county of Loudoun, 18 miles above the Great Falls of Potomak, 35 from the city of Washington, and 3 miles from Leesburgh. This situation is in the heart of a fertile and well settled part of the country, where wheat is the principal article of cultivation. The advantages of water transportation to the markets of George-Town, the city of Washington, and Alexandria, from this place, makes it peculiarly an object for those who may be disposed to engage in the milling business.

The above mentioned seat is on a never failing Limestone stream, generally known by the name of the Big Springs, and has all the advantages which are well known to result from so favourable a situation.

Particulars may be known by applying to the proprietor near the spot.

BURGESS BALL.

December 12, 1795.

Four Dollars Reward

FOR apprehending my Mulatto woman ELSEY, who lived with Mr. EDWARD RAMSAY of Alexandria, and left him in November last.—She is a stout wench, and is well known in that neighbourhood. She may be delivered to Captain HENRY PIERCY of the same place, who will pay the above reward, in behalf of

GALVAN.

Dumfries, Jan. 2, 1796.

JOHN NEILL,

At his Store, in Fairfax-Street,

Has yet on Hand

A handsome Assortment of

DRY GOODS,

Suitable to the Season, together with Soal-Leather, Men and Women's Leather and Satinet Shoes, Sandals and Morocco Slippers, which he will sell low for Cash only

—

He returns his unfeigned thanks to his Friends and the Public for the liberal encouragement he has received, and begs leave to assure them that nothing shall be wanting on his part to merit a continuance of their custom.

N. B. All Those who are in any ways indebted to him are earnestly requested to come forward and settle their respective balances before the first day of February next, as no longer indulgence will be given.

Alexandria, Jan. 4. 1796.

By virtue of the powers vested in us by an act of the General Assembly of the state of Maryland, entitled, an act for erecting a bridge over the Eastern Branch of Potomac river,

WE do hereby give notice that books will be opened by us in the city of Washington, on the second Monday in February next for receiving and entering subscriptions for shares in the said undertaking.

N. B. The Act is published in the Federal Intelligencer and Baltimore Daily Advertiser.

NOTLEY YOUNG,
Danl. CARROLL of Duddington,
Wm. M. DUNCANSON,
THOMAS LAW,
GEORGE WALKER,

Washington, December 17th, 1795.

The subscriber's property, fronting on Union and extending from Wolfe to Duke-streets,

having suffered material injury by persons digging and carrying land and dirt therefrom, she hereby gives notice that a trespasser hereafter will be prosecuted.

B. KIRK.

Bank of Alexandria,

January 4, 1796.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a Dividend of Seventeen Dollars on each Share of the Capital Stock of the Bank of Alexandria, for the half year ending this day is declared, which will be ready to be paid to the Stockholders or their representatives on Wednesday the 6th inst.

By Order of the President and Directors,
GURDEN CHAPIN, Cash'r.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Stockholders of the Bank of Alexandria, that an election will be held at the Court House in this town on the third Monday in January next, for the purpose of choosing nine directors of said Bank for the ensuing year agreeably to charter.

By Order of the President and Directors.

22 GURDEN CHAPIN, Cashier.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on Thursday the 21st January next, a subscription will be opened at the Court House in this town, under the direction of the President and Directors of the Bank, for an augmentation of Seventeen Hundred and Fifty shares to the capital of the Bank of Alexandria, agreeably to an act of assembly, and continue open for 30 days, or until the whole are subscribed—each share is two hundred dollars and payable in the following manner, viz.

Ten dollars for each share at the time of subscribing—Forty dollars more in sixty days—Twenty-five dollars more in 90 days—Fifty dollars more in 105 days—and Seventy-five dollars more in 165 days from the time of opening the subscription.

By order of the President and Directors,
GURDEN CHAPIN, *Cashier.*

For Sale, at private Sale,

A MERCHANT MILL & PLANTATION, situated on Muddy Run which empties into the west branch of Octarara Creek, in Oxford Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, about 25 miles from Christiana Bridge, nearly the same distance from New-Port. The Mill is an over shot, in good order; with two pair of stones, one being Burrs, the other Cologne; the stream a never failing one, and sufficient to turn four pair of stones: the works have not suffered by the late high freshes.

The plantation contains 300 acres, about 100 of which are cleared, and 25 acres of excellent watered meadow, and more may be made at a small expence; a dwelling-house is erected thereon, a barn and other improvements; a good spring of water near the door—The mill and plantation are now in the tenure of William Reed—the title indisputable. For terms apply to *Joseph Coleman*, Alexandria, or THOMAS M'KEE,

Wilmington.

N. B. If not sold by the first of February, the Mill will be let on reasonable terms.

December 4

WHEREAS the Partnership of Darling & Earp is to be dissolved on the 1st day of February next, all those who have any demands against them are desired to bring them in for settlement; and those who are indebted to them are desired to make payment on or before the 1st day of February, 1796.

DARLING & EARP.

Alexandria, Dec. 1, '95.

Lands for Sale in Fairfax County.

TO BE SOLD,

A TRACT of land measuring about 200 acres, lying on the Pimote run, about a mile from the Falls Church: the Road to the Great Falls goes through the middle of it: there are several good springs on it, and about sixty acres of the above land may be made into meadow. For terms apply to the subscriber, who wishes

To Rent, or Sell,

The remainder of a lease of that beautiful villa, late the property of Robert Adams, deceased, about a mile from town: there has been a great deal of money laid out on these premises—it would be an excellent situation for any gentleman wishing to retire from town, or for a place of public entertainment, being delightfully situated on the banks of the Potomack. For terms apply to

ROBERT HENDERSON.

December 17.

Notice!

ALL Persons indebted to the subscriber are requested to make immediate payment, as he expects to leave this place in a short time; and those having claims against him are requested to bring them forward for settlement.

BARTIMEUS WHITE,

Who has on hand a general assortment of

Ladies' & Gentlemen's Shoes,

Which will be disposed of cheap for Cash.

Alexandria, December 24, 1795.

The Columbian Mirror
AND
ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.

☞ Lateſt European Intelligence, by an arrival at Philadelphia.

LONDON, NOV. 10.

We have ample accounts of the operations in Germany, and ſome of them in papers not friendly to the ruling powers (particularly the Courier Francois.) It appears by them that the French armies, both that of Pichegru and Jourdan have been defeated, and obliged to retreat but not to the extent reported. They ſay nothing of the Auſtrians having paſſed the Rhine. A part of gen. Jourdan's army croſſed the Rhine, near Coblentz while the reſt took poſt at Duſſeldorff with the intention to maintain itſelf there.

Diſturbances have broke out both in Holland and in Hainault. The latter are ſo ſerious as to be termed in the French papers another Vendee.

The reports of the paſſage of the Rhine by the Auſtrians, of their having taken Cologne and defeated the French on the banks of the Rohr, are all evidently unfounded.

The Bruſſels letter which is dated the 31ſt of October in the Paris paper of Friday laſt ſays, that the Auſtrian troops were then four leagues from Duſſeldorff, where 50,000 Republicans were ready to meet them. The French were fortifying themſelves in that place by every means which art could ſupply, and reinforcements and proviſions were ſent them from the left bank, to make good the loſs of thoſe which had been loſt "by a precipitate retreat, occaſioned by unforeſeen circumſtances."

General Jourdan, the ſame letter adds, had paſſed towards Bonn, to take the neceſſary meaſures to diſconcert the plans of the Auſtrians, who manifeſted a diſpoſition to paſs the Rhine.

The French General Marceau occupied a poſt at Neuwied, beyond the Rhine; but this it was thought, he could not long preſerve. An engagement was hourly expected, but the French generals, it is added, had taken every precaution to ſecure their retreat, if neceſſary.

A letter from Manheim, of the 28th October, ſays, "Every thing is here on the former footing. We ſtill retain our poſts, but there is little hope of our renewing the communication between our army and that of the Sambre and Meuſe, which is retreating towards Cologne and Duſſeldorff, in conſequence of the Pruſſians not having defended their line of debarkation.

We are every day attacked by the Auſtrians, but as often repulſe them with loſs. In their laſt attack, they have loſt, ſome accounts ſay 5000, but I believe, adds the writer, not leſs than 8000 men.

It was reported at Paris, on the 3d, that general Hoche had fallen on the army of Charette, at the moment when he was endeavoring to form a junction with ſome troops diſembarked from the Engliſh fleet; that Charette had been defeated, and himſelf killed.

One of the Paris papers ſtates, that the port of Liſbon is blocked up by ſome French ſhips of war. They add, that a peace is near being concluded between France and Portugal.

The ſupple Barrere has eſcaped from the place of his confinement.

Pache, Bouchotte, Aunoin, and the other Jacobins, tried by the criminal tribunal of the Loiret, have been acquitted and releaſed.

The death of Merlin of Thionville is contradicted.

Forty nine ſail of veſſels of the captured Mediterranean fleet, including the man of war, is the number which the Courier Francois, an ariſtocratical paper, reports to have entered Cadiz.

An article from Mentz, dated Oct. 20 ſays, that an eſtaffette from Gen. Clairfait has informed our governor that the French were beaten on the 18th near Ems; that Ehrenbreitſtein has been delivered from ſiege; that the French are croſſing the Rhine; and that our troops are maſters of the heights of Neuwied.

NOVEMBER 11.

This morning arrived Mr. Major from Baſle, and Mr. Baſſet from the Britiſh army on the continent. Two mails alſo arrived, but the letters were not delivered when the paper went to preſs. Two more mails are on the road. We can however ſtate the following authentic particulars:

The origin of all the diſaſters experienced by the French aroſe from general Clairfait having broken the line of neutrality, by marching over the mountains near Oppenheim, and by that means gaining the plains before Frankfort. By ſo doing he flanked the French army before Mentz, and threw it into the utmoſt diſorder.

From the 12th to the 24th October, the date of the accounts from Frankfort, there were daily engagements in every one of which the Auſtrians were victorious. We cannot enter into the details.

Evening Mail Office.

P. S. Half paſt 3 o'clock. We ſtop the preſs to ſay, that about half an hour ſince, a meſſenger arrived from Mentz, with diſpatches from general Clairfait, dated the 31ſt ult. containing the news of his having gained the moſt glorious victory obtained during the war, by driving the French armies which were before Mayence on the left bank of the Rhine, with the loſs of all their artillery and baggage. On the ſame day general Wurmſer attacked the French before Manheim with equal ſucceſs.

The privy council has iſſued an order for prohibiting in future the exportation of cheeſe, butter, hay, ſtraw, and forage of any kind whatever.

Price of Stocks this day at one o'clock—58 5-8ths 3-4ths

FRANCE.

PARIS, NOVEMBER 11.

After a third of our impreſſion was publiſhed, yeſterday morning, we received by expreſs, the Paris Journals from the 2d to the 7th inſt. inclusive; the contents of which we were the firſt to lay before the public. The intelligence from Paris is very intereſting. The following are the heads of it.

The members of the ſupreme government, or Executive Directory, were elected on the firſt inſtant, and are as follows:

Reubell, Preſident.
Lareveilliere Lepaux.
Letourneur (of La Manche)
Barras.
Carnot.

Secretary.
Trouve, conductor of the Moniteur.

Miniſters

Merlin of Douai,	Miniſter	of Juſtice.
Benezech,	———	of the interior.
General Dubayet,	———	of war.
Cha. Delacroix,	———	of foreign affairs.
Admiral Truquet,	———	of the marine.
Guadin,	———	of the finances.

Sieyes was elected a member of the executive directory, but declined accepting the office, and Carnot was elected in his ſtead.

Barrere has eſcaped! Pach, Bouchotte, and others are ſet at liberty. Thuriot and Cambon walk about peaceably in Paris. The report of the death of Merlin of Thionville is contradicted. It is ſaid that Charette has been defeated and killed by Hoche. The imperial chancery has ordered Semonville, Bournonville, Maret and the deputies to be ſet at liberty.

ARMIES ON THE RHINE.

The lateſt Paris paper dated the 7th Nov. ſays, the greateſt uncertainty reigns reſpecting the poſition of the army on the Rhine. The moſt contradictory reports are circulated. The government preſerves a ſilence which the malicious convert into a proof of their abſurd rumors. Such being the ſtate of information in Paris, we cannot pretend to accuracy in our details, but they are the beſt the French Journals enable us to lay before the public, and they are ſufficient for forming a general judgment of the condition of the Republicans on the Rhine, though the materials are ſo contradictory, that a partial perſon may find enough on which to found a repreſentation favorable to either party.

JOURDAN's ARMY.

BRUSSELS, OCT. 27.

The army of the Sambre and Meuſe, under the orders of General Jourdan, continues its retreat; one part has already croſſed the Rhine in the neighbourhood of Coblentz, Bonn and Andernach, and another part directs itſelf toward Duſſeldorff, where they appear to wiſh to maintain themſelves. That city is in the beſt ſtate of defence. The Auſtrians are already at Dentz. Jourdan is already at Mulheim, with his Etat Major, but that poſt not being tenable will be evacuated. The head quarters of the army of the Sambre and Meuſe are removed acroſs the Rhine, and eſtabliſhed at Bonn. The baggage and artillery are repaſſing the Rhine, and the French are ſeizing all the boats to prevent them falling into the hands of the enemy. By the movements of the Auſtrian army, it appears their intention is to follow us acroſs the Rhine and carry the theatre of war to this ſide. But every meaſure of defence is taken to prevent them. The left bank is well planted with artillery. Troops are daily paſſing thro' this town to reinforce the armies on the Rhine.

LIMBOURG, OCT. 22.

On the 20th, general Haddick advanced to Ukerad, and purſued the French to Sieg. General Boros eſtabliſhed his camp at Bendorff, and cannonaded the redoubts conſtructed by the French before the bridge at Neuwied, where there yet remains 1200 men and ten pieces of cannon. He took this poſt after a great ſlaughter, having made the French retreat acroſs the Rhine in the utmoſt diſorder.

DUISBOURG, OCT.

Although the precipitate retreat of the French is confirmed, yet we are aſſured that it was not occaſioned by any ſuch event as the loſs of a battle. It was the rapid march of Gen. Clairfayt, and the poſitions which he was on the point of taking, that obliged them to retreat.

HEPPENHEIM, OCT. 20.

Laſt night the imperial troops threw a number of bumbs into Manheim which conſumed ſeveral houſes. It was apparently contiguous to the Pariſh church that the fire burſt out. To-day the firing has not been heared, but it will probably be renewed in the night.

Manheim, it is expected, will ſpeedily be in poſſeſſion of the emperor. The vaſt preparations indicate ſome vigorous enterprize which will determine the fate of that garriſon.

MANHEIM, OCT. 28.

Every thing remains here on the old footing. In the laſt engagement with the Auſtrians they loſt 3000 men.

There remains little hopes of our being able to make a junction with the army of the Sambre and the Meuſe.

By the preceding extracts it will appear that our former account of Jourdan's army was correct. No general engagement had taken place between him and Clairfayt; but his army making their retreat, have often had detachments engaged in very ſevere conflicts, and yet has managed the retreat of the republicans ſo well, that he has made it doubtful whether he intended re-croſſing the Rhine. He has kept the Auſtrians in awe while retiring.

The accounts reſpecting Pichegru are of a much more unfavonrable nature to the French. The account dated Heidelberg, October, 19, which is tranſlated from the *Journal de Perlet* Paris papers, and is to a certain extent corroborated by all of them. But it is to be obſerved that it was originally a German account, and has been copied into the French papers. *L'Eclair* of the 17th inſt. contains the article dated Manheim, the 28th ult. which indirectly confirms the defeat, but takes no notice of the other alarming circumſtances, ſo that we may preſume that Pichegru has been defeated, and that Manheim muſt ſurrender. Thus the operations of the French on the right bank of the Rhine, are completely deſtroyed. The Auſtrian troops, commanded by Gen. Clairfayt, are only at the diſtance of four leagues from Duſſeldorff, where 50,000 Republicans are determined to diſpute the ground with the enemy. A great quantity of artillery and ammunition of all kinds has been ſent from the left bank of the Rhine, in order to replace the artillery loſt in the precipitate retreat.

General Jourdan, who commands the Sambre and Meuſe army, has returned to Bonn to take all the defenſive meaſures dictated by prudence, and to diſappoint the projects of the Auſtrian generals, who appear diſpoſed to hazard the paſſage of the Rhine.

AIX-LA-CHAPELLE, OCT. 24.

On the 21ſt and 22d the Auſtrians puſhed their patroles to Seigbourg, Duytz and Mulheim. At Cologne, Velendar, Bonn and Coblentz, the French broke down the bridges. The French ſtill occupy the poſts of Caub and Braubach on the right ſide of the Rhine. They alſo have the poſts of Kaiſerſworth and Duſſeldorff. It is reported that an Auſtrian corps which attacked the latter place was repulſed. The French are throwing up freſh works.

Miſcellany.

To the Preſident of the United States,

Winchester, 2d December, 1795.

SIR,

It is with real pleaſure we comply with the requeſt of our fellow citizens of Frederick county, by forwarding to you the encloſed reſolutions, which expreſs the ſentiments they entertain of your conduct, in a ſituation the moſt delicate, and upon an occaſion the moſt intereſting and important that has (perhaps) occurred during your adminiſtration.

Permit us, ſir, to ſieze this opportunity of expreſſing our ſincere and anxious wiſh, that you may long continue to preſide over the intereſt of theſe States with that wiſdom and firmneſs which have hitherto adorned and ſupported your official conduct; and that you may, in a more eminent degree, partake of that happineſs which you have been ſo inſtrumental in procuring and preſerving to your fellow citizens.

We have the honor to be, with ſentiments of reſpect and eſteem,

Sir,

Your humble ſervants,
DANIEL MORGAN,
CHA. M. THRUSTON,
ROBERT WHITE,
CHARLES MAGILL,
JOSEPH CALDWELL.

The Preſident's Anſwer.

Philadelphia, December 16, 1795.

GENTLEMEN,

I received with great ſatisfaction your obliging and affectionate letter, dated the 2d inſt. at Winchester, incloſing a Reſolution of the citizens of Frederick county who met the preceding day at the county court house expreſſing their entire approbation of my conduct, in ratifying the treaty lately negotiated between the United States and Great Britain.

Next to the approbation of my own mind, ariſing from a conſciouſneſs of having uniformly, diligently and ſincerely aimed, by doing my duty, to promote the true intereſts of my country—the approbation of my fellow citizens is dear to my heart. In a free country, ſuch approbation *ſhould* be a citizen's beſt reward: and how *would* be, if truth and candor were always to eſtimate conduct of public men. But the reverſe is ſo often the caſe, that he who, wiſhing to ſerve his country, is influenced by higher motives, runs the riſk of being miſerably diſappointed. Under ſuch diſencouragements, a good citizen will look beyond the applauſes and reproaches of men, and, perſevering in his duty, ſtand firm in conſcious rectitude, and in the hope of approving heaven.

I am, Gentlemen,
With much reſpect,
Your fellow-citizen and friend,
GEORGE WASHINGTON

To
Gen. Daniel Morgan, Charles M. Thruſton, Robt. White Charles Magill and Joſeph Caldwell.

MR. PRICE—I ſend you Governor JAY's ſpeech to the Legiſlature of New-York—If from previous publications for the preſs a publication of it, entire, be inconvenient, I will leave it with you to make ſuch extracts as are moſt intereſting.

EXTRACTS.

I concur in the ſentiments and adopt the ſong of our excellent and illuſtrous Preſident, in declaring that "we could not have met at any period

more than at the preſent the ſituatioo of our public affairs afforded juſt cauſe for mutual congratulations;" and I make this obſervation with the greater pleaſure, as in the greater welfare of the union, this ſtate participates ſo largely.

The rapid increaſe of our population—the flouriſhing ſtate of our agriculture and commerce—the extention of our external and internal navigation—the progreſs of learning and ſcience, ſo eſſential to rational liberty and good government, and the uncommon degree of wealth and plenty which follow the footſteps of induſtry and the arts of peace, in all their walks, unite with numerous other bleſſings, in offering us abundant reaſon to rejoice, to be content, and to be grateful.

But although national proſperity can neither be attained nor preſerved without the favor of providence; ſo neither can it be attained or preſerved without the ſubordinate inſtrumentality of thoſe means, which providence provides, and reaſon direct us to uſe.

There is no ſtate of human happineſs, public or private, ſo perfect or ſo ſecure as to diſpence with that conſtant care and ſuperintendance, which all our affairs require; and which you will now find it expedient to extend to ſeveral intereſting objects.

It has been often and juſtly obſerved, that in order to preſerve peace, every nation ſhould not only treat others with juſtice and reſpect, but alſo be in conſtant readineſs to reſiſt and repel hoſtilities. Imbecility invites inſult and aggreſſion; and the experience of ages proves, that they are the moſt ſecure againſt war, who are the beſt prepared to meet it. Although it belongs to our national government to provide for the defence of the United States, and although that great object will doubtleſs continue to receive as well as to claim their attention yet it is alſo highly intereſting that nothing properly depending on us to be omitted to give efficacy to their laws and meaſures.

Having but one port through which the great maſs of our exports and imports paſs, the importance of fortifying it has been generally ſeen, and conſiderable progreſs has been made in executing the plans formed under the direction of the general government for that purpoſe. Much yet remains to be done, and if from the details which will be laid before you, it ſhall appear that further aids on the part of this ſtate would be proper, I am perſuaded they will be readily afforded.

Difficulties have been experienced in importing from foreign countries, ſufficient quantities of arms and ammunition, and the preſent ſcarcity of thoſe articles in general, and of one of the moſt eſſential of them in particular, is a diſagreeable circumſtance.

It certainly is very deſirable that we ſhould not depend on foreigners for the means of defence, and therefore that the manufactures neceſſary to furniſh theſe ſupplies ſhould be encouraged and patronized by the legiſlature. The conſtitution of this ſtate expreſsly directs, that "proper magazine of warlike ſtores, proportionate to the number of inhabitants, be for ever, at the expence of this ſtate, and by acts of the legiſlature, maintained and continued in every county in this ſtate."

They, who formed the conſtitution, had been taught by ſevere experience, that the day of alarm and battle was not to the beſt ſeaſon for ſeeking and procuring theſe important ſtores.

Laws and regulations, however carefully deviſed, frequently prove defective in practice, and as the regulation of the militia, purſuant to the act of Congreſs, merits conſtant attention, it may be uſeful to enquire whether experience has pointed out the neceſſity of any amendments which conſiſtently with that act, may be made in our law on this ſubject.

Ship News.

NEW YORK. JAN. 8.

In the gale, much miſchief was done, the particulars of which are not received, except, that a ſhip and brig in this port, parted their cables, and were driven out to ſea, and that three are ſix or eight veſſels on ſhore below, among which is the Britiſh October PACKET in 35 days from Falmouth.

The ratified Treaty certainly came expreſs in the Portland.

The Britiſh mail, by the packet, was received at the poſt office about 4 o'clock yeſterday, but the veſſel remained on ſhore.

PHILADELPHIA, JAN. 9.

The ſtorm on Wedneſday evening laſt, has done conſiderable damage to the ſhipping along the wharves at Philadelphia.

The brig Minerva, of Boſton, Alexander M'Key, maſter, was driven aſhore on Joe Flogger, the 6th inſt. the captain and five men periſhed; four men and the pilot were ſaved. Her cargo, wine, ſalt, nuts, and corks.

The effects of the ſame gale in the port of Philadelphia, were two brigs parting from their faſts, at Race and Vine-ſtreet wharves, one of which was caſt aſhore on Cooper's point; the other, by being forced by the wind and ebb tide againſt other veſſels, occaſioned conſiderable miſchief. At Market-ſtreet, a ſhallop was ſunk: a ſloop loſt her bow-ſprit; and at Cate's wharf, a ſchooner, with her ſails bent, and ready for ſea, had both maſts carried away.

The ſame evening the ſloop Salem, captain Elkins, from New-York, put into Cohanzy, with the loſs of both anchors. A few days before, Mr. M'Crea, a merchant of New-York, and part owner of the ſloop, was killed by a hand-ſpike, heaving up, off Herefore inlet, and was interred next day at Cape May.

The ſhip Favorite, Drummond, from London, got up as high as Cohanzy creek (below Bombay bay) on the evening of the late gale.

The ſhip Nancy, two brigs, and two ſloops, were on ſhore at Reedy iſland on Saturday morning laſt.

Yeſterday evening arrived the brig Experience, Capt. Houſton, 20 days from Port-au-Prince, and 15 days from Cape Nichola Mole: left at the latter place the ſloop Sincerity, Capt. Mulion, Philadelphia, which ſprung a leake off Heneago, and put back in diſtreſs, with all hands ſick; except the Captain and one man, who were obliged to take out the cargo and heave down the veſſel to repair.

The ſchooners William of Boſton, Captain Kelly, and the Betſey of New-York, he left in the ſame ſituation.

Left at Port-au-Prince, the ſhip Hope, Bainbridge, Philadelphia;—Schooners, Sand-Fly, Share, do. Ann, Smith, do. Sloops Betſey, Dawkins, do. Mary, Cuſhing, do. George, Patton, do. and a number of Eaſtern veſſels, names unknown.

Captain Houſton informs that a hot preſs took place at Port-au-Prince previous to his ſailing from thence, by the Iphigenia, and the Severn frigates, and the Scorpion ſloop of war, they preſſed every American indiſcriminately, who could not produce a protection: he ſays that a number of American veſſels were lying there, in a moſt diſtreſſed ſituation for want of hands; and that the above men of war were chiefly manned with American ſeamen.

[Aurora.]

PUBLIC SALES.

ON Thurſday next at 12 o'clock, will be ſold on a credit of 90 days, on GILPIN's wharf,

30 Hhds Molaſſes,

And on Friday at the Vendue Store, a variety of

DRY GOODS.

ROGERSON & BENT, V. M.

Jan. 19.

Fifty Dollars Reward.

STOP THIEF!

HUMPHREY SULLIVAN went off on the 9th inſt. and carried with him from the ſubſcriber a bright ſorrel Mare, blaze-faced, all her feet white, her eyes hollowed by cutting out the books, one ſmal ſaddle ſpot and a bite on her back, a ſmall brand under her mand, thus W. R. her tail drawn and not docked, her mane ill trimmed, a natural trotter, ill-broken, eight years old next ſpring, and had on two fore ſhoes—alſo, an old ſaddle with heart-formed plated boſſes, torn in the ſeat, a ſtriped cloth lined with yellow flannel, and a ſnaffle bridle. Said Sullivan is a talkative, ſwearing fellow, of a ſwarthy complexion, a tailor by trade; ſays he is a native of Cork, about five feet four inches high, has very black ſhort hair, with a large falſe queue which is generally clubbed; pitted with the ſmall pox, has a large dent in his forehead, and is alſo wounded in his left ſhoulder which impedes him from raiſing his hand to his head, and ſays he received them in Poloſki's Horſe, South Carolina; ſtoops as he walks, with his head inclined to his left ſhoulder, has a wide mouth and liſps, his teeth are blackened by exceſſive chewing of tobacco; when he went off he wore a round half worn ſurr hat, a new black lapelled coat with round-topped twiſt buttons, with a green ſtriped one under, and a flannel jacket faced with blue ſilk, a pair of olive coloured ſattinet breeches, new boots with red tops, he has alſo a pair of black ſattinet breeches, black ſilk ſtockings, ſhoes and buckles which he wears when he dreſſes in his French airs, as he boaſts of, a plad cloak, with a variety of other clothes. Twenty five dollars will be given for apprehending and ſecuring the thief ſo as to bring him to conviction, and twenty five dollars for the delivery of the mare, ſaddle and bridle to me at this place. The above being the principal part of the ſubſcriber's property induces him to ſupplicate all the printers to the ſouthward and weſtward to inſert the above advertiſement, hoping by their humanity he may obtain his property.

JAMES ROURKE.

Upper Marlborough, Prince George's County, January 18th, 1796

Fifteen Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the ſchooner Jeruſhia, on Saturday morning the 16th inſt. a ſailor named *Richard Knight*, and took with him the boat and one oar: he is about 5 feet 6 inches high; well made; has long curly hair; thick lips, and ſmooth face: had on, when he went off, a light blue ſailor's jacket and deep blue trouſers. Whoever will apprehend ſaid fellow and ſecure him in the Alexandria gaol, ſhall have ten dollars reward, and five dollars for the boat, if delivered to Meſſrs. Korn and Wiſemiller. The boat is clump built, has yellow ſides, black bend, red bottom and painted red in ſide.

RUSSEL STEVENS.

January 19, 1796.

Wanted to Hire

A NEGRO GIRL, who underſtands plain houſe work, and who can be well recommended for her honeſty and ſobriety. Apply to the Printer.

Alexandria, January 6, 1796.

FOR SALE

A Valuable HOUSE & LOT, in the Town of Alexandria, on the upper corner of Fairfax and Princeſs Streets. I deem it unneceſſary to mention the particularss as thoſe who wiſh to purchaſe may know them and be ſhewn the premiſes, by applying to Mr. *Edward Ramſay*, in ſaid Town, or to the Subſcriber, living in Frederick County, Virginia.

REZIN DUVALL.

December 19, 1795.

Alexandria, January 19.

From ALGIERS.

Extract of a letter from Captain WILLIAM PENROSE, to his friend in Philadelphia, dated

ALGIERS, SEPT. 9.

DEAR SIR,

"I take the earlieſt opportunity of informing you, that on the 3d inſtant, Mr. DONALDSON the American Ambaſſador, arrived here from Alicant, in a Raguſan brig, and on the 5th, we had the unſpeakable ſatisfaction of ſeeing the Enſign of the United States diſplayed, accompanied with a Royal ſalute from the Caſtle, and this day a ſmall veſſel is diſpatched expreſs to Col. HUMPHREYS at Lisbon, which veſſel muſt return before the irons is to be taken from our legs. God ſend her a quick voyage."

Extract of a letter from Capt. Mitchell of Newbury port, dated Algiers. Sept. 9. 1795.

We are releaſed from work—but muſt tarry here 'till we diſpatch a veſſel to Liſbon and it returns, by which conveyance I ſend this. The tranſition is ſo great that language cannot expreſs it—in one day being relieved from the chains and laſh of the ſtick, to hear people, ſhaking hands with us, ſay—"Now we are friends."

The reports of Dr. Ballman, the deliverer of our friend La Fayette, and La Fayette himſelf alſo, having arrived in New-York, is unfounded.

ARGUS.

Extract from a London paper, entitled "the Courier and Evening Gazette," of Monday, October 26, 1795.

"One of the very laſt literary acts of Dr. Kippis's life, was his candid and manly retraction of his error, in having ſaid that the American Congreſs iſſued orders to their cruizers to ſeize Capt. Cook, if they had an opportunity of ſo doing. "I intend" ſaid he in his apology, "more fully to ſtate the matter in the addition to be prefixed to the ſixth volume of the biography." Alas! ſcarcely was the intention expreſſed, before the venerable writer became incapable of fulfilling it."

From the Pittſburgh Gazette of the 23. inſt.

A party who had been out ſurveying lands near the Sciota, have returned: One of the gentlemen reports, that during the time he was there he had frequent intercourſe with hunting parties of Indians, who treated him with great friendſhip, and with the beſt their camp could afford. He ſuppoſes there muſt have been upwards of 200 warriors in that quarter.

We learn by a gentleman from Greenville, that General Wayne had returned to that place from the Lakes; and that he had built three garriſons in advance of the former out poſts. It is ſtill rumoured, that the army will winter on the banks of the Ohio.

(Ken. Herald.)

Notice to the Cavalry.

THOSE of my troop who retain any of the arms or accoutrements drawn upon the late weſtern expedition, are requeſted to deliver them up to me. The Secretary of war having iſſued orders for collecting them.

ELISHA C. DICK.

Alexandria, January 18, 1796.

A Store-houſe to Let.

THE ſubſcriber will rent 'till the 14th of November next, the ſtore-houſe on King-ſtreet, corner of Gretter's alley. Wm. HICKMAN.

January 19.

EDWARD FITZGERALD & JOSEPH D'LA HAE diſſolved partnerſhip on the 1ſt of January, 1796. Thoſe who may have demands againſt the ſaid EDWARD FITZGERALD, will bring them in to him, at ROBERT EVANS's for ſettlement.

EDWARD FITZGERALD.

January 18.

For Sale,

A Healthy likely young Negro man, about twenty-one years of age, and very ingenious at any thing he is put to, and will make a good tradeſman—Inquire of the Printer. January 4, 1796.

TO BE RENTED,

And immediate poſſeſſion given,

A Store, Counting-Room and Cellar, in complete order for the reception of goods. For buſineſs the ſtand is equal perhaps to any in Town: For terms apply to the ſubſcriber, three doors above Capt. Jeſſe Taylor's, on King-Street. EDMUND EDMONDS.

Alexandria, December 29, 1795.

I have now on hand, which I will ſell low for caſh, viz. 8 by 10, 10 by 12 and 12 by 14 window glaſs, white ſoap of an excellent quality by the box, tanners,' lamp and linſeed oil, by the barrel, one thouſand gallons of Stone Ware aſſorted, with an aſſortment of Ironmongery, Cutlery and painters' Colours

George Drinker.

Alexandria, 8mo. 17, 1795.

Blank Bills of Exchange, &c. for ſale at this Office.

Poets Corner.

DESCRIPTION OF NIGHT.

Verſified from an ancient writer in the Gallic language.

LOUD howls the wind—the ſhowers deſcend,
The mountain ſpirit ſcreams—
The windows flap—the tall woods bend—
And roar the rain-ſwol'n ſtreams:
To ford the torent, ſad the wand'rer tries—
But hark, o'er-whelm'd! he ſhrieks—he dies.

Swift down the hill rugged and ſteep,
The affrighted beaſts retire—
The hunter rouſes from his ſleep,
And wakes the flumb'ring fire—
He bars the wind—'round the hearth the while
His wet dogs ſmoke—companions of his toil.

Sad on the diſtant mountain's ſide,
The lonely ſhepherd ſighs—
And bids, his wand'ring ſteps to guide,
The ling'ring moon ariſe—
While all around the foreſt roars,
And down the rock the headlong torrent pours.

The Ghoſt rides lightly on the ſtorm—
Loud are its cries and ſhrill,
The houſe dog barks—the ſhadowy form
Flies o'er the miſty hill:
Cold, dark and gloomy is the ſcene,
Ariſe, my friends, and let the wand'rer in.

MARC.

ANECDOTE.

A gentleman having bargained with a Connecticut man for a quantity of boards, deſired to know when they ſhould be ſent to him. Why, ſays the board merchant, if I live and *do well*, you ſhall certainly have them to-morrow. The gentleman, very well ſatisfied, went off.—The next day paſſed away, and he was much ſurprized at not receiving the boards. He accordingly called upon the ſeller, and deſired to know why he had not performed his promiſe, by ſending the boards. Why, friend, replies the cunning Connecticut man, I promiſed, that if I lived and did well, I would ſend you the boards. Now it is very true that I have lived, but *done well* I have not for I have parted with the boards to a man who has given me a greater price than you offered.

At a Court continued and held for Loudon County, November the 12th, 175.

Leven Powell, Complinant,
AGAINST
Achiles Helm, commonly known by the name of Zachariah Helm, eldeſt ſon and heir at law, of Leonard Helm, deceaſed. Defendant. } In Chancery.

THE defendant not having entered his appearance and given ſecurity according to law and the rules of this Court, and it appearing, by an affidavit, that the defendant is not an inhabitant of this commonwsalth; it is ordered that unleſs he enter his appearance and give ſecurity, according to law and the rules of this Court, a decree ſhall be entered againſt him at March Court next, agreeable to the prayer of the ſaid complainant's bill; and it is further ordered and decreed that a copy of this order be forthwith inſerted in the Alexandria Gazette, and publiſhed at the door of the Court-houſe of the ſaid Couny or twomonths ſucceſſively.

C. BINNS, Clerk

At a Court continued and held for Loudoun County, November 13th, 1795.

Thomas Bluicoe, Complainant,
AGAINST
William Reed, Defendant. } In Chancery.

THE defendant not having entered his appearance upon given ſecurity according to law and the rules of this court, and it appearing to the ſatisfaction of this court that the defendant is not an inhabitant of this commonwealth. It is ordered that unleſs he enter his appearance, and give ſecurity agreeably to law and the rules of this court, a decree ſhall be entered againſt him at March Court next, agreeable to the prayer of the Complainant's bill; and it is further decreed and ordered that a copy of this order be forthwith inſerted in the Alexandria Gazette, and publiſhed at the door of the Court Houſe of the ſaid County, for two months ſucceſſively.

Teſt, C. BINNS, Clk.

At a Court continued and held for Loundoun County, 11th day of November, 1795.

Francis Adam, Complainant,
VER.
Joel Beach and Charles Eſkridge, Defendants. } In Chancery

THE defendant Joel Beach, not having entered his appearance and given ſecurity, according to act of Aſſembly and the rule of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that the ſaid Joel Beach is not an inhabitant of this county, on the motion of the plaintiff by his council. It is ordered that the ſaid defendant, do appear here on the firſt day of the next March Term, and anſwer the bill of the plaintiff; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inſerted in the Alexandria Newſpaper, for two months ſucceſſively, and publiſhed at the door of the Court Houſe of this ſaid County.

Teſt, CHARLES BINNS, Clk.

Mandeville and Jameſſon

HAVE for ſale at their ſtore on Fairfax ſtreet, the following articles, which they will diſpoſe of by wholeſale and retail, for caſh or the uſual credits, viz.

Jamaica and Windward Iſland Rum;
Cogniac Brandy;
Holland Geneva;
London bottled Porter;
Madeira, Sherry, Port, Claret, } *WINES Of the beſt quality in caſks & bottles;*
Liſbon, Calcavella, Malaga, Teneriffe, } *Do. do. in pipes quarter caſks*
Muſcovado Sugars in hhds. & barrels.
Loaf and lump do. in barrels;
Souchong, Hyſon, } *TEAS of different qualities.*
Young Hyſon, Imperial, } *Do. of the beſt do.*
Havannah Segars in boxes;
Bourbon Coffee, Green do. } *In bags and barrels.*
Coffee in bags;
Pepper in do.

Mace and ground ginger, nutmegs, mace, cinnamon, cloves and allſpice, with a variety of pickles and muſtard in bottles.

☞ *Wanted to hire*—An able bodied free man, as a Porter—good wages will be given and it is expected none

Apply who cannot give ſufficient proof of ſobriety and honeſty.

Alexandria, Nov. 3, 1795.

For Sale.

LOAF and lump SUGAR by the hhd. or barrel,
Muſcovado SUGAR by the hhd. or barrel,
Imperial and young Hyſon TEAS by the cheſt or ſmaller quantity,
Jamaica and Antigua Rum by the hhd. or barrel,
Old Cogniac Brandy by the barrel or gallon,
Sherry, Liſbon and Malaga Wines in quarter caſks,
Claret in caſes of 2½ doz. each,
Bottled Porter by the barrel of 3 doz. each,
Molaſſes by the hhd. or barrel.
Glaſs ware aſſorted in barrels,
10 by 8 Window Glaſs,
Fig blue by the cag,
8d. 10d. and 20d. nails,
Leiper's Snuff in bottles,
Dutch Linens, &c.

Robert Alliſon.

JUST IMPORTED,

By POMERY & ISABELL,

In the Peggy, arrived at George-Town, which they now offer for Sale, at their Store in King-Street,

A neat Aſſortment of

Mancheſter Goods,

Of remarkably low Sterling prices;
A large, new and elegant aſſortment of

Gilt & plated, burniſhed & common Metal Buttons;

Handſome

New Carpeting;

A quantity of

Cotton and Worſted Hoſiery:

Theſe, and many other articles, they have on hand (as the Fall Seaſon for ſelling is ſomewhat advanced) they are determined to render low, but they will make it an object worthy particular attention for Caſh.

N. B. As Mr. Pomery, of this houſe, on his return from England, has arrived at the Northward, he is daily expected with an additional ſupply of Goods.

Alexandria, Nov. 12. 1795.

ANDREW WALES

Takes this method of acquainting his friends and the public in general,

THAT HE HAS FOR SALE,
At his BREWERY,
STRONG & SMALL

BEER.

He has alſo
GRAINS & YEAST
For Sale,
And continues to purchaſe Barley as uſual.

N. B. Hops for ſale by the bag or ſmaller quantity

Alexandria, Dec. 6, '95.

☞ THE Partnerſhip of *Thomas Williams & Joſeph Cary*, under the firm of *Williams & Cary*, being this day diſſolved, by mutual conſent, they earneſtly requeſt all thoſe indebted to them will immediately pay their reſpective balances; and all thoſe who have any demands againſt them are requeſted to bring them in for liquidation.

THOMAS WILLIAMS,
JOSEPH CARY.

Alexandria, December 31, 1795.

☞ The ſubſcriber intends to confine himſelf to the Commiſſion Buſineſs, and will be happy in receiving the Orders of his Friends, aſſuring them the utmoſt attention to their intereſt will be conſtantly exerted.

T. WILLIAMS.

Lime-ſtone and Lime wanted.

THE Directors of the Potomack Company wiſh to purchaſe Three Thouſand Cubic Feet of Lime ſtone, each piece to be not leſs than two feet by four, nor leſs than four inches thick—alſo a quantity not leſs than Six Thouſand Buſhels of good unſlacked Lime; to be delivered at the lower end of the Canal, at the Great Falls, one ſixth part of each article before the 15th of March next; one ſixth by the firſt of April following, and the remainder before the 15th of May next.—Thoſe who with to contract for either or both theſe articles, will pleaſe to ſend their propoſals in writing to either of the Directors, at George-Town or Alexandria, before the firſt Monday in February next. The payments will be made agreeable to the ſellers.

JOHN FITZGERALD, Preſident.
G. GILPIN, J. KEITH, } Directors at Alexandria.
J. TEMPLEMAN, T. LEAR, } Directors at George Town.

Potomack Company.

THE Stockholders on the new ſubſcription to the Potomack Company, are required to pay to *William Hartſhorne*, Treaſurer, on or before the firſt day of March next, ten pouns per cent. on the amount of each ſhare by them held.

JOHN FITZGERALD, Preſident.
GEORGE GILPIN,
JAMES KEITH,
JOHN TEMPLEMAN,
TOBIAS LEAR, } Directors.

Alex. Dec. 22, 1795.

Copper and Tin Manufactory.

JOHN BEALE

INFORMS his friends and the public, that he has removed from the town of Lynchburg to his place in a houſe in King-ſtreet, two doors above M'Knight's tavern, where he intends to carry on his buſineſs in all its various branches, ſuch as making and mending all kind of gold, ſilver, copper and tin work. He likewiſe tins old copper tea kettles, ſauce-pans, &c. &c.

Articles in the above branches of his buſineſs, may be had either by wholeſale or retail, and thoſe who buy to ſell again, will find it to their advantage to deal with him.

All kinds of plated work done on the ſhorteſt notice in the beſt manner, and warranted, ſuch as bridle bit ſtirrup irons, buckles, tips and ſaddleboſſes, made in the neweſt faſhions; mill brands cut, either in copper or iron, China mended, and all kinds of bell metal, ſuch as clock bells, ear bells for horſes, and ſkillets; the bells he warrants to ring as well as ever they did.

MILL INKS

☞ Made at the above ſhop, and at a moderate price The above articles will be done in a maſterly manner.

☞ Alſo Clocks, Watches and Mathematical Inſtruments made and repaired in an elegant manner.

☞ He has on hand and now offers for ſale, at a moderate price, at the above houſe, ſundry articles of gold, ſilver, jewellery, copper, tin, and plate work, gilt watch chains, ſeals, keys, lockets, and breaſt pins.

The higheſt price given for old gold, ſilver, copper braſs, pewter or lead.

☞ NOTICE.

ALL perſons having claims againſt the eſtate of *Richard Lee*, late of Lee-Hall, in Weſtmoreland County are requeſted to bring them in, that they may be adjuſted; and all perſons who are indebted to ſaid eſtate are deſired to make payment to me.

RICHARD BLAND LEE,
Adminiſtrator.

Loudoun County, October 6, 1795.

Inpurſuance of a decree of the county court of Loudoun will be ſold on the ſecond Monday in March next, if fair, if not the next fair day, on the premiſes, for ready money,

Two thirds of Seventy acres of

Land lying on the Shanondoah River, near Keys's ferry on which there is a merchant mill; or ſo much thereof as will be of value ſufficient to ſatisfy the claims of John Potts, and Elizabeth Oſborne, amounting in the whole to about £.900 current money of Virginia, when due attendance will be given by

THOMAS RUTHERFORD,
GEORGE HITE,
JOHN DAVENPORT, } *Cm'rs.*

COAL.

3,000 buſhels on hand and for ſale

By R. HAMILTON.

COMMENCED BREWING
AT THE

UNION BREW-HOUSE,

SOUTH End of the City of Alexandria, where STRONG and TABLE BEER will be delivered to purchaſers, beginning with the enſuing week.

Nov. 24.